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TIMBER INDUSTRY OUT ON LIME
AFTER FIRST-QUARTER SLUMP

Adoption of new techniques in logging is progressing slowly. Technical discipline is weak; advanced methods of labor organization, such as conveyor-belt logging, have been inadequately introduced. The construction of logging roads, living quarters and repair shops for logging equipment has been particularly poor.

Vostsibles (director, Zakiyev), Burmangolles (director, Afanasenko), Pechorles (director, Polosov), and Lespromtrest (Avdeyev, director) successfully met their plans for mechanized hauling of timber in 1948. The following trusts fumbled on mechanized hauling: Uralzapadoles (Fokin) 62 percent, Dvinoles (Andreyev) 67 percent, Tomles (Sukhancv) 84 percent, Novgorodles (Kulakov) 64 percent, Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Bashkir ASSR (Minister, Sutyagin) 69 percent; and Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR (Minister, Kal'shev) 70 percent.

Use of XT-12 tractors [wood-burning gas-generator type], winches, and [mobile] power stations has been extremely inadequate this year. Vologdobumles (Volotskoy), Tyumenles (Mikiforov), and Primorskles (Vaulin) are particularly far behind in utilization of the XT-12.

The Netchunayevskiy Timber Management of the Novsibles Trust, the Ziminskiy Timber Management of the Vostsibles Trust, and the Timiryazevskiy Timber Management of the Tomles Trust have been on the ball in using electric winches for skidding.

Khakasles Trust (director, Novikov) beat the 1948 skidding plan 119 percent; Novsibles (Tsarapkin) went over 104 percent. These trusts are typical of what can be done if skidding by electric winches and tractors is properly coordinated.

The Balakhonikhinskiy Timber Management of the Gor'kles Trust is now operating on a full conveyor-belt system of production, from stump to final stacking in the warehouse. Output per logger has been jumped from 1.5 to 3.1 cubic meters per day. The Udinskiy Timber Management of the Ustyugles, and the Laygorodskiy Timber Management of the Komiles Trust have both increased output per worker by conveyor methods 1.5-2 times. In the Komiles, Ustyugles, Udmurtles, and many other trusts there are already dozens of conveyor lines in operation.

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Molotov and Arkhangel'sk oblasts, Komi ASSR, and Karelo-Finnish SSR are lagging in the construction of housing for logging workers. This situation is delaying their getting permanent workers.

Despite the fact that in the past 2 years the number of metal-cutting machine tools in logging equipment repair shops has increased 2.5 times and the number of repair shops doubled, the repair base is still inadequate.

The plan for the construction of central repair shops and of timber-management repair shops has been given all the necessary construction and other materials and financial means. It is vital that this plan be realized without fail in 1949.

The failure of the logging industry to score in the first quarter compel the loggers to get out 1.5 times as much timber during the summer season as during the same period in 1948.

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